

address yourself to the Koch amendment? Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess we could play a numbers game and five, I suppose, is reasonable and Senator DeCamp had mentioned that earlier. I think the one thing that I wanted to comment on and I can support five, John, I think the thing that is important is responsibility and obligation of the state. Now you had talked earlier before about like the motorcycle helmet law, the speed limit, those are all infringements upon personal rights which I would agree with you on. I have the right to drive a motorcycle and smash my brains in, and if that is what I choose to do, so be it. However, I think that government has responsibility for those kids when they cannot say I am not receiving proper care or I haven't been fed properly. So I think that the number five, while perhaps I would prefer three or four, I think we are reaching a reasonable level because I am sure, Senator DeCamp, you would agree, I like four better, too, but I am sure you would agree, Senator DeCamp, that government does have a responsibility for those kids. While we do need to deregulate in some areas, certainly the health, welfare and safety of those kids is important because they cannot speak for themselves. So I would support the number five and can now support the Kelly bill if the amendment passes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler, do you have a motion? Read the motion, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to amend the Koch amendment to strike "five" and insert "four". Signed Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, I think we are in a numbers game here. Senator Moylan suggested $3\frac{1}{2}$ or something like that but I think Senator Newell has some information about maybe why for insurance reasons the number four has a little more logic to it and I think he will make that point. I think, you know, it is a question of judgment as to how many people should we allow in a home under care without any sort of health regulations, any sort of fire code and so on. I think that, as Senator Simon said, three or four is more acceptable to me than moving up to the higher end of this spectrum. I was not particularly enthralled with Senator Kelly's bill to begin with, but if people are in a compromising mood these days, the number four would seem acceptable. So I would move that amendment to the Koch amendment.

PRESIDENT: I don't know what these lights are on for but I take it Senator Clark and Senator Kelly and Senator Nichol do not want to speak on this amendment. How about Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I suggested that the bill was good and I repeat that assertion, the essence of the bill, whether the number is one, two, three, four or fifty, is deregulation, bringing back the veil of government regulation. So I accept and endorse the concept of four even though I would like to see five or six but four will get this bill passed, four will be for the first time in a long time be action by a Legislature to begin deregulation instead of more regulation.